

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzer, comprising:
a conveying unit for conveying a sample;
plural analysis units for analyzing the sample conveyed by said conveying unit, each of said analysis units being provided with power from a power supply through a power switch;
a central control device for controlling said conveying unit and said analysis units; and
an information network connecting said central control device and said analysis units, said central control device controlling each of said analysis units through said information control network,
wherein said central control device has a ~~function separating~~ separation unit for separating one of said analysis units from said information network to enable shut off of a power supply of said one of said analysis units by said power switch while others of said analysis units are maintained with power from a power supply and are connected to said information network.

2. (Previously Presented) The automatic analyzer according to Claim 1, wherein said central control device functions to turn on said power supply of said one analysis unit that has been separated from said information network, and load system software into said one analysis unit, so that said one analysis unit returns to an operable state.

3. (Previously Presented) The automatic analyzer according to Claim 1, further comprising mode setting screen for displaying said conveying unit and said analysis units and for specifying any one of a displayed conveying unit and a displayed analysis unit to be separated by said central control device from said information network of said central control device to shut off a power supply of said conveying unit or said analysis unit.

4. (Previously Presented) The automatic analyzer according to Claim 3, wherein said mode setting screen repeats an operation for specifying any one of said conveying unit and said analysis units, so that said central control device switches between enabling shutting off of said power supply of said conveying unit or said analysis unit to separate said conveying unit or said analysis unit from said information network, and again turning on said power supply of said conveying unit or said analysis unit to connect said conveying unit or said analysis unit to said information network.

5. (Previously Presented) The automatic analyzer according to Claim 4, wherein said central control unit is responsive to said mode setting screen specifying any one of the sections displayed on said display means to thereby perform switching between the separation

of the specified section from the control of said central control device and the reconnection thereof to said central control device.

6. (Currently Amended) An automatic analyzer, comprising:

a conveying unit for conveying a sample;

plural analysis units for analyzing the sample conveyed by said conveying unit;

an analysis unit button for setting analysis units to an active mode or a power-off enable mode, each of said analysis units being provided with power from a power supply through a power switch;

a central control device for controlling said conveying unit and said analysis units; and

an information network connecting said central control device and said analysis units, said central control device controlling each of said analysis units through said information control network,

_____ wherein said central control device has a separation unit for function separating each of said analysis units from said information network to enable shut off of a power supply of a separated one of said analysis units by said power switch when said one of said analysis units is set to said power-off enable mode by said analysis unit button~~setting section~~ while other analysis units are maintained with power from a power supply and are connected to said information network.